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VICTORY LOAN OF FOUR AND ONE-HALF BILLION DOLLARS

TERMS ANNOUNCED BY SECRETARY GLASS

Notes to Run Four Years and Bear Interest at Rate of 4-3-4 Per Cent.

PARTIALLY TAX EXEMPT

Will Be Convertible Into 3-3-4 Per Cent Notes Which Will Be Wholly Tax Exempt—Drive Begins April 21.

Washington, April 14.—Terms of the Victory Liberty loan were announced by Secretary Glass as follows:

Amount, \$4,500,000,000, oversubscription to be rejected.

Interest, 4-3-4 per cent for partially tax exempt notes, convertible into 3-3-4 per cent notes wholly tax exempt.

Maturity, four years, with the treasury reserving the privilege of redeeming the notes in three years.

The 3-3-4 per cent notes, to be issued later, also may be converted subsequently into 4-3-4 per cent notes.

The 4-3-4 per cent securities are to be exempt from state and local taxation, excepting estate and inheritance taxes, and from normal rates of federal income taxes. The 3-3-4 per cent securities are exempt from all federal, state and local taxes except estate and inheritance taxes.

The size of the loan was much smaller than had been anticipated by most financial observers, who looked for an issue of about \$6,000,000,000, particularly in view of Secretary Glass' past statements that the loan would be five or six billions.

This will be the last Liberty loan, Secretary Glass explained, although there will be other issues of government securities to finance belated war expenses. These will be floated by popular campaigns.

Glass' Announcement.

In many communities the selling campaign already has begun actively without formal acceptance of subscriptions, said reports to the treasury, although the official opening date is April 21. The drive will continue three weeks until May 10.

"In fixing the terms of the issue," said Secretary Glass' announcement of the Victory loan, "the treasury has been guided largely by the desire to devise a security which will not only prove attractive to the people of the country in the first instance, but the terms of which should insure a good market for the notes after the campaign is over and identical prices for the two series, and should not affect injuriously the market for the existing bonds of the Liberty loans.

"This will be the last Liberty loan. Although as the remaining war bills are presented further borrowing must be done, I anticipate that the requirements of the government, in excess of the amount of taxes and other income can, in view of the decreasing scale of expenditure, be readily financed by the issue of treasury certificates from time to time as heretofore, which may be ultimately refunded by the issue of notes or bonds without the aid of another great popular campaign such as has characterized the Liberty bonds.

Wide Distribution Wanted.

"I am sure that the people of America will subscribe to this Victory loan in the same spirit of patriotism which they have shown in the past to the end that the notes may be as widely distributed as possible, and that our banking institutions may be left free to supply the credit necessary for the purpose of industry and commerce and the full employment of labor. Let the world see that the patriotism of America, out of their boundless resources, and with the same enthusiasm and devotion to country with which they prosecuted the war to a victorious conclusion, are determined to finish the job." Terms of the loan were explained as follows:

"The Victory Liberty loan, which

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WOMAN'S DIVISION VICTORY LOAN DRIVE FOR LANCASTER COUNTY.

Saturday, April 26th, has been chosen as the big day of the Victory loan drive and welcome day for the returned soldiers by the Red Cross. A splendid Marine band and two speakers have been secured for the morning. Everyone from town and county is urged to be on hand.

Dinner will be served the soldiers and Victory loan workers on Judge Ernest Moore's lawn.

Mrs. W. H. Millen, Chairman.
Mrs. S. L. Allen, Vice-Chairman.
Mrs. A. J. Gregory, Vice-Chairman.

Miss Margaret Moore, Publicity Chairman.

School District Chairmen.

Mrs. B. F. Carson, Antioch.
Miss Elizabeth Lathan, Barberville.

Mrs. H. N. Patterson, Belair.
Mrs. H. B. Perry, Belltown.

Mrs. W. W. Baker, Cane Creek.
Mrs. B. H. Plyler, Camp Creek.

Mrs. J. J. Sims, Caston.
Mrs. E. C. Mungo, Charlesboro.

Mrs. Geo. W. Baker, Crenshaw.
Mrs. Carrie Funderburk, Dixie.

Miss Nettie Caskey, Douglas.
Mrs. E. J. Bailey, Dry Creek.

Mrs. A. J. Bailey, Elgin.
Miss Myrtle Baker, Fork Hill.

Mrs. R. J. Sistare, Ferguson.
Mrs. J. B. Byrd, Flat Creek.

Mrs. Beckham Ciyburn, Halle Gold Mine.

Miss Iva Huey, Jacksonham.
Mrs. Habernicht, Kershaw.

Mrs. S. L. Allen, Lancaster.
Mrs. J. B. Byrd, Midway.

Miss Ada Sapp, New Bethel.
Mrs. J. R. Wolfe, Osceola.

Mrs. W. D. Bowers, Oak Ridge.
Miss Maude Mobley, Oak Hurst.

Mrs. M. L. Davidson, Pleasant Valley.

Mrs. James Welsh, Pleasant Plain.
Mrs. T. M. Fullerton, Rich Hill.

Mrs. S. D. Lathan, Riverside.
Mrs. W. T. Hilliard, Stoneboro.

Miss Zulee Funderburk, Tradesville.

Mrs. Picket Plyler, Tabernacle.
Mrs. W. W. Boyce, Unity.

Mrs. J. M. Yoder, Mrs. J. H. Crenshaw, Van Wyck.

Bethel Presbytery.

The officers and members of Bethel Presbyterian auxiliary convenes in annual session at Fort Mill Presbyterian church today, this being the 21st annual session. The auxiliary is composed of delegates from the Presbyterian churches of York, Chester, Lancaster and Kershaw counties. The officers are: Mrs. Mason Carroll of York, president; Mrs. T. W. DeVane of Liberty Hill, first vice president; Mrs. J. J. Stringfellow of Chester, second vice president; Mrs. R. T. Sandifer of Lowryville, third vice president; Miss Ada Saunders of York, recording secretary; Miss Miss Mamie Hughes of York, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Sue Spratt of Fort Mill, treasurer. The department secretaries are Mrs. T. P. Bell of Pock Hill for foreign missions, Miss Annie Witherspoon of Lancaster for assembly's home missions, Mrs. R. E. Wylie of Lancaster for local home missions, Mrs. R. T. Beatty of Lancaster for Christian education and ministerial relief, Mrs. R. A. Jackson of Clover for literature, and Miss Azubah Darby of Chester for young people's work and Sunday school extension.

The program of the five sessions of the Presbytery contains many features of interest, among which is the address this evening at 7:45 o'clock by Miss Lavalette Dupuy of Korea to young people. At the session Wednesday afternoon the Rev. J. E. Purcell will deliver an address and at the same session Mrs. Fred Bell will speak on foreign missions.

The musical program for the session is under the direction of Mrs. C. S. Link and includes a number of special selections as solos and full choruses, the latter composed of voices from the choirs of the several churches of Fort Mill.

Delegates from Lancaster and the names of their hostesses are: Mrs. John Crawford with Mrs. E. M. Belk; Mrs. Hazel Witherspoon and Miss Annie Witherspoon with Mrs. J. B. Elliott; Mrs. R. E. Wylie and Mrs. R. F. Beatty with Mrs. Hattie Mack; Mrs. W. W. Horton and Mrs. W. P. Davis with Miss Ella Stewart.

THREE PER CENT. OF PEOPLE OWN AUTOS

This Percentage is of Total Population in South Carolina on April 1.

50,000 CARS IN THE STATE

Per Capita Ownings By Counties Shows Richland Leading With 56. Out of Every 1,000, Lexington County Second.

Columbia, April 14.—Out of every 1,000 people in South Carolina 30.5 owned an automobile, motor truck or motorcycle on April 1, 1919. Despite the war, 22.7 per cent more motor vehicles were owned by South Carolinians on April 1, 1919, as compared with the same date in 1918. Statistics compiled by the State Highway Commission on the ownership of automobiles, trucks and motorcycles, taken from its records of licensed motor vehicles, show that on April 1, 1918, there were 41,195 motor vehicles in South Carolina, while by April 1, 1919, the number had increased to 50,504, of which exactly 50,000 were automobiles or trucks and the remaining 504 motorcycles.

Richland county led the state in the per capita number of motor vehicles. Out of every 1,000 people in Richland county fifty-six owned an automobile, truck or motorcycle on April 1, 1919. Lexington county was second on the per capita basis, with 47.7 motor vehicles per 1,000 of population; Bamberg third, with forty-six per 1,000 of population, and Orangeburg a close fourth, with 45.3 per 1,000 of population.

Regarded as Necessary Now. The automobile has long since passed out of the luxury class and is rapidly becoming to be regarded as a necessity. However, the number of motor vehicles per capita is considered by conservative observers as a good index of any community's buying power and prosperity.

The statistics on licensed motor vehicles compiled by the State Highway Commission take no account of cars owned by the United States government, as these cars are not subject to state license. If government cars were counted the numbers of motor vehicles in the counties containing camps would be greatly increased.

On April 1, 1919, there were 452 dealers in motor vehicles in South Carolina. In this connection Richland county led the state, with thirty-four dealers. Greenville came second, with thirty-one, and Orangeburg third, with twenty-nine.

The figures on the number of second-hand cars sold are, of course, accurate, as shown by the records of the commission, but as there has been a great deal of difficulty in enforcing the new law requiring owners to record with the commission the transfer of cars, it is very probable that a great many more than 252 second-hand cars were sold between January 1 and April 1, 1919.

Automobile Trucks Multiplying. Unfortunately, the State Highway

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Rally Day.

Easter Sunday, April 27, will be rally day in the Second Baptist church Sunday school. Following is the program beginning at 11 a. m.:

Welcome words to soldiers.
Address, Dr. J. H. Boldridge.
Address, Dr. C. H. Dunn.
Dinner on the lawn.
Afternoon session.
Song and praise service.
Exercises by class 6.
Address, "The New Day," Dr. Noodle.

The public is cordially invited to come and bring well-filled baskets.

Successful Meeting.

The union meeting held at the Presbyterian church Sunday night to launch the campaign for funds for the relief of war suffering Jews was quite successful and the sum of \$665 was raised as a beginning toward the allotment of \$2,500 for Lancaster county. Prof. Josiah Morse, of the University of South Carolina, delivered an address which was greatly enjoyed. Similar meetings were held at Heath Springs and Kershaw.

YORK SOLDIER IS HONORED BY FRENCH

Colonel W. Lee Hart of Hospital Unit Receives Present from Town of Langres.

MAYOR PAYS A TRIBUTE

People Are Appreciative of the Kindnesses to French Soldiers By Americans at Base Hospital 53.

York, S. C., April 14.—How the people of Langres, France, desirous of showing their appreciation of the treatment given French soldiers and the kindnesses accorded civilians by the Americans at Base hospital 53, presented the commander with a painting and decorated the American colors, a custom little known here and one typically Gallic, is told in a recent letter from Lieutenant Col. W. Lee Hart, the hospital commander, to his mother, Mrs. G. W. S. Hart, of York. Impressive ceremonies marked the conferring of these signal honors on the Americans. Miniature replicas of the insignia used in decorating the colors will be made, and when approved by General Pershing may be worn by the members of the hospital unit.

The letter follows: "This hospital is situated on the plateau near Langres. Since it was established it has taken in quite a number of French soldiers who were evacuated by the Americans from the front, just the same as some of our soldiers were evacuated by the French. This was all in the game and we did it as a part of our duty.

"The people of Langres seem very grateful to us for the way we treated their soldiers. The mayor came down and told me he would like to publicly thank the personnel. This I was very glad to have him do. Then he decided he would like to present me with a painting of the arms of the city, which he had made in oil. This put the matter off for some days; then they decided to decorate the colors, and so they had to prepare the ribbon, another delay.

"At last the mayor sent me word that he and the other municipal officials would arrive and make the presentation Sunday. As the mud is everywhere here, I decided that the best place for the ceremonies was the Red Cross hut, which seats about 1,400. The personnel of the hospital unit—officers, nurses and enlisted men, together with visitors, occupied seats in the auditorium. The mayor and his party, myself and staff (which consisted of all the officers I have that can speak French) went up on the stage.

"I introduced the mayor and he made a speech, an official interpretation of which I inclose. I did not have the slightest idea of what he was saying, but he had an interpreter who read the address in English. I then made a speech, which Chaplain Roach read in French for their benefit. Then the mayor presented me with the picture, making another speech that I did not understand; but I accepted it with a speech which he could not understand, and so evened the score. But with it all he seemed to be satisfied, and so was I.

"Then the colors came forward halting about half way to the stage, while the band played 'The Marseillaise.' They then came up on the stage and the band played 'The Star-Spangled Banner.' Then the mayor tied the decoration on. About this time, with the music and other features of the affair, as you would naturally expect of any Frenchman, and ran up to me and grabbed my hand, shaking it vigorously and shouting French all the time. I did not know what he was talking about, and it was very hard to keep from laughing. I thought he was going to embrace me, but somehow or other he fell down on the job when he came to that.

"At last the affair was over and after a tour of the hospital and a reception at the Nurses' club they left us in peace. I was mighty glad when it was over, platform stunts are not my forte. I was pleased over the affair, however, for the sake of the nurses and men, who appreciated it and are looking forward to

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Society News

Miss Lingle Entertains. Miss Beulah Lingle delightfully entertained at a masquerade party Thursday night in honor of her house guest, Miss Irma Hilton, of Charlotte. A profusion of spring flowers were used as a decoration making the house very attractive. Dancing, music and conversation were features of the evening, and at a late hour the hostess served a delicious salad and ice course.

Master Charles Robinson Entertains. Master Charles Neely Robinson was host to a number of his friends on Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Robinson, the occasion being the celebration of his fourth birthday. Merry games were played by the little ones for a couple of hours, at the conclusion of which ice cream, cake and mints were served. Assisting Mrs. Robinson in entertaining were Mrs. John Crawford and Misses Cox and Schell.

Miss Neely Entertains.

Miss Juanita Neely entertained at a beautiful evening party at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. P. Robinson, on Thursday evening. Masses of dogwood, flag lilies and Jessamine were effectively used as a decoration and three tables were arranged for the guests in the parlor and hall where cards were enjoyed for several hours. At the conclusion of the game refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and mints were served. The guests of the evening were Misses Sadie Neely, Elfrida Poag, Bernice Davis, Fannie Clark, Virginia Taylor, Mary Carothers, Ruth Cox, Blanch Boozer, of Craigville; Francina Milling and Mrs. Claud N. Sapp, of Columbia.

Miss Eliza Moore Hostess.

A charming entertainment of the past week was the party given by Miss Eliza Moore on Friday evening complimentary to a number of her friends. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, the guests assembled promptly, were cordially greeted by the young hostess, and soon were tripping lightly to the strains of inspiring music for dancing was the pleasure of the evening. Near the midnight hour delicious ice cream and cake were served by Misses Nannie Hill and Margaret Moore. Those enjoying the evening were Misses Louis Murchison, Rozella Driscoll, Laura Gilbert Williams, Gildersleeve Wylie, Mary Agnes Funderburk, and Ned Gregory, Thomas Funderburk, Chas. Floyd, Middleton Jones, Barnwell Allison and Edward Sistare.

Mrs. Mackorell Entertains.

Mrs. J. B. Mackorell entertained on Wednesday morning at a most delightful party in honor of her sister, Miss Cornelia Elliott, who has recently returned from Richmond. The house was lovely with its decorations of bright spring flowers, and tables were arranged in hall and sitting room for rook, which proved to be the diversion of the morning. After a cordial greeting by the hostess, the guests received their score cards, and were soon intensely engaged in the game. After a number of rubbers the game was called, and the hostess served delicious iced tea and sandwiches. Mrs. J. J. Blackmon held the top score and received a dainty hand-made handkerchief, while to the honoree was presented a bunch of violets.

Again on Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Mackorell was hostess to a number of the younger set, Miss Elliott being the honoree at this party also. The chosen game of rook was again the popular diversion and was indulged in for an hour or more. When the finals were called Miss Nannie Hill Moore was found to hold the highest score and for her proficiency was awarded a lovely hand-made handkerchief. Delicious refreshments consisting of iced tea and sandwiches were served. The charm and cordiality of Mrs. Mackorell is proverbial, and the two lovely parties of the past week fully sustains her reputation as a charming hostess.

Special Conference.

The News is requested to announce that a special conference will be held at Ebenezer Baptist church Sunday, April 20, at 11 o'clock. Every member is urged to be present.

SOLDIER-FARM PLAN MEANS MUCH TO S. C.

Experts Looking Into the Matter Find Abundant Acreage in Coastal Plain.

PLANNING GREAT COLONY

Government May Spend Vast Sum in Lower Part of State in Reclamation Projects for Soldiers.

These are the reclamation service statistics, showing the cultivated and uncultivated areas in South Carolina in acres:

Total farm area (acres).....	7,000,000
Total number of farms.....	196,000
Merchantable timber lands.....	3,400,000
Cut-over lands.....	9,000,000
Permanent swamp lands.....	1,500,000
Periodically overflowed.....	625,000
Periodically swampy.....	1,000,000

Washington, April 14.—What does the plan for turning undeveloped lands into farmsteads for homecoming American soldiers mean to South Carolina?

As the lands most quickly and quickly reclaimed are along the coastal plain, the question might reasonably be narrowed to this:

What does the soldier-farmer plan mean to coastal Carolina, to Carolina in the neighborhood of Charleston?

The answer is that if the recommendations of the secretary of the interior are approved by congress, the plan means a chance at a colony of from 1,200 to 1,600 soldier farmers, with farmsteads of 60 to 80 acres each, making up a total of approximately 100,000 acres, or 12 1-2 square miles.

Such a colony would entail for its establishment in South Carolina an expenditure of perhaps \$10,000,000 by the government, for the revised project of Secretary Lane contemplates the erection of a house and barn on each farm, besides such reclamation work as may be required to get the land, or a considerable portion of it, into condition suitable for its cultivation by the soldier.

New Plan Quadruples Old.

Recognizing that this movement must be put into effect quickly if it is to be of use to returned soldiers seeking employment, and also that the movement must proceed on both a generous and general scale if it is to succeed, the interior department is going to ask for the appropriation of about \$400,000,000 for the purchase, reclamation and equipment of cut-over, swamp or arid lands capable of profitable cultivation. This is four times as much as was carried by the bill which Secretary Lane asked congress to pass at the last session.

Congress failed to pass the bill, but provided instead for an examination and survey of the reclamation lands of the country, so that when the lawmakers met again they would have the best possible information as to the extent and location of the reclaimable areas and as to their availability for the returned-soldier employment project. The reclamation bureau of the department went to work at once, divided the nation into three parts for purpose of the survey, and is now prepared to report.

Indeed, it may be said that the machinery of the department is ready to function on the plan giving the returned soldiers good opportunities for productive farming and is waiting on congress to say the word. President Wilson is on record as heartily approving of the idea. More than 30,000 letters have been received by the secretary of interior from soldiers expressing a wish to operate such farms as the plan proposed. These letters continue to arrive by hundreds every day, and seem to refute the widespread original impression that there would not be enough soldiers desirous of farming to take up the offers.

The Recent Surveys.

The survey in the sixteen southern states was conducted under the direction of Mr. H. T. Cory, consulting engineer of the reclamation service. In Virginia three opportunities were found within which areas it would be easily possible to secure

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